

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1411

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A RESOLUTION to recognize White Realty and Service Corporation on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those Tennessee businesses that have a longstanding commitment to providing exceptional service to their customers; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable entity is White Realty and Service Corporation, which celebrates 100 years in operation this year, a remarkable milestone for an important, family-owned East Tennessee business; and

WHEREAS, White Realty and Service Corporation was founded in 1922 by Frank McDonald as White Stores, Inc., which began as a chain of fourteen grocery stores; such was the dedication and business acumen of Mr. McDonald that within only a few years, the chain grew to include more than seventy stores; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, White Stores began developing shopping centers and continued to do so until the grocery operation was sold to Virginia-based Food City Stores in 1989; and

WHEREAS, it was then that White Stores, Inc., became known as White Realty and Service Corporation, a licensed real estate company; in the more than three decades since its redesignation and shift in mission, the company has successfully managed, leased, and developed commercial real estate throughout East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the vision and indomitable spirit of Frank McDonald lives on in the current iteration of the business he founded in the hills of East Tennessee a century ago; and

WHEREAS, White Realty and Service Corporation continues its legacy of service to the citizens of East Tennessee, and it is fitting that this historic business be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate White Realty and Service Corporation on 100 years of operation, wishing the company much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.